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SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAMESE PROTEST PHOUMI'S UNGA SPEECH

1. WE RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 9 A CIRCULAR NOTE FROM SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY, DATED OCTOBER 8 AND STAMPED "CONFIDENTIAL", WHICH CONVEYS FOR OUR INFORMATION TWO NOTES SENT BY THE EMBASSY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT'S SEPTEMBER 25 SPEECH AT THE 29TH UNGA. (COPIES SENT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND ICC.) FIRST NOTE PROTESTS REFERENCE IN HIS SPEECH TO "TWO GOVERNMENTS" IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. THE SECOND ASKS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FIRST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

2. FIRST NOTES MAKES REFERENCE TO SEVERAL ARTICLES IN 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT (ARTICLES 15, 9, AND 3/A) AND TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1954 GENEVA ACCORDS TO ESTABLISH THAT THESE ACCORDS DID

NOT RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.
IT STATES: "UNTIL NOW, THE SO-CALLED 'PRG' HAS NOT BEEN
RECOGNIZED BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION
OF LAOS." THE NOTE CONCLUDES: "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN CONSEQUENCE, RAISES THE MOST
ENERGETIC PROTEST AGAINST ALL ALLEGATIONS WHICH MIGHT MAKE
ONE BELIEVE THAT THE SO-CALLED 'PRG' IS A GOVERNMENT OF
SOUTH VIET-NAM. IT HOPES THAT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF NATIONAL UNION OF LAOS DOES NOT CONSIDER THE STATEMENT
REFERRED TO ABOVE BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. PHOUMI VONGVICHIT,
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
AS BEING IN CONFORMITY WITH REALITY, IF IN FACT THIS STATE-
MENT WAS MADE."

3. COMMENT: WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NOTE,
STATING THAT USG RECOGNIZES ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH
VIET-NAM BUT WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO PHOUMI'S SPEECH.
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